MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): The member's information is correct.

Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road.

284. ✻**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any resolution passed at a public meeting regarding the construction of the Kollakadavu bridge on the Chengannur-Mavelikara road;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether they have taken steps to provide funds in the next year's (1112) budget for the construction of a bridge at Kollakadavu?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) A design of the bridge has been prepared in the Chief Engineer's office, but detailed working drawings and estimates have not been prepared as it is not likely that any funds can be provided for it in the near future. There are more important bridges to be taken up in the next few years for which funds have to be provided.

Appointment of one K. K. Krishna Panickar as a Bhagavathar.

285. ✻**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has received representations dated 10th Kanni 1111, 13th Thulam 1111 and 2nd Makaram 1111 regarding the appointment of one K. K. Krishna Panickar, Vennikulam, who belongs to the Varnava community as a Bhagavathar in Government schools;

(*b*) whether this K. K. Krishna Panickar has already been recommended to the Director of Public Instruction for a Bhagavathar's post by the Protector of Depressed Classes; and

(*c*) if the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*) are in the affirmative, the action hitherto taken on the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) (*a*) The representation dated 13th Thulam 1111 was received.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) He has been appointed as an acting Bhagavathar.

Malaria in Nedumangad Taluk.

286. ✻**MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the wide prevalence of malaria in Arianadu, Uzhamalakkal, Mannoorkara and some other *pakuthies* in Nedumangad taluk?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): There are still cases of malaria in the *pakuthies* mentioned.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government feel the necessity of making permanent the temporary hospital at Arianadu?

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MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): That is a matter of opinion, Sir.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know whether there is any endemic area in the whole State other than Neyyattinkara and Nedumangad?

PRESIDENT: The whole question now centres on Nedumangad.

Malaria in Nedumangad Taluk.

287. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether malaria still continues in Nedumangad taluk?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Yes.

Vaikam District Hospital.

288. ***MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a labour ward in the Vaikam District Hospital; and

(*b*) the number of labour cases treated in the Vaikam Hospital in 1109 and 1110?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*)

	1109		1110	
	In	Out	In	Out
Normal	7	134	9	67
Abnormal	8	5	11	5
Total	15	139	20	72

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the Government will be pleased to open a labour ward in that hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): That is a matter for future action, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the reason for the enormous fall in the number of normal labour cases in 1110, compared to 1109?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Sir, I cannot answer that question. It may be due to birth control.

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